

Service Aviation

1922, and during the next year passed a course at the Armament and Gunnery School. In 1927 he was posted to H.Q. Iraq for Air Staff Duties, and after his return to the United Kingdom proceeded to H.Q. Inland Area for Armament Duties in 1929. He held the post of Assistant Director (Armament) in the Department of the Air Member for Supply and Research at the Air Ministry from January, 1930, until the latter part of 1933, when he was appointed to command No. 7 (Bomber) Squadron. In January, 1934, he was posted to command the R.A.F. Station, Worthy Down, and since December, 1936, has been in command at the R.A.F. Station, Cardington.

He was promoted to the rank of Wing Commander in 1929, to Group Captain in 1934, and to his present rank in 1938.

Moves of Squadrons

NO. 35 (Bomber) and 207 (Bomber) Squadrons will move from Worthy Down to Cottesmore on April 20.

Nos. 51 (Bomber) and 58 (Bomber) Squadrons will move from Boscombe Down to Linton-upon-Ouse by April 20.

No. 218 (Bomber) Squadron will move from Upper Heyford to Boscombe Down on April 22.

R.U.S.I. Gold Medal Essay (Air)

THE subject of the gold medal essay of the Royal United Service Institution for 1938 is: "Discuss the influence which modern air forces may exert on British strategy in a major European war in which Great Britain is involved; and suggest what higher control organisation is desirable in order to co-ordinate the operations of the three services."

Commissions for Warrant Officers

THE following warrant officers have been granted commissions in the accountant branch: George Albert Cornish, Claude Henry Leggott, D.C.M., and Edwin Thomas Saunders, M.M.

The undermentioned warrant officers have been granted commissions as commissioned physical training officers: Harold William Beckett, John Samuel Sallops, M.B.E., Frederick James Stubberfield, and Albert Wellington Taylor.

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F/O. M. H. de L. Everest is granted the acting rank of Flight Lieutenant (January 3). Sqn. Ldr. A. W. Hunt is placed on the half-pay list, Scale B, from January 11 to 12 inclusive and on the half-pay list, Scale A, from January 13 to 22 inclusive. Sqn. Ldr. E. A. C. Britton, D.F.C., is seconded for duty with the British Military Mission, Egypt (January 17). The following Flight Lieutenants cease to be seconded to the Royal Air Force on return to Army duty (January 15):—A. A. N. Malan (Lt., Royal Tank Corps), A. F. Anderson (Lt., Royal Warwick Regt.), R. B. Pakenham (Lt., Border Regt.).

Chaplains Branch

The Rev. G. A. Davies, B.A., is placed on the retired list at his own request (January 15).

Royal Air Force Appointments*General Duties Branch*

Air Commodore.—E. W. Norton, D.S.C., to H.Q., R.A.F., Far East, Singapore; for duty as Air Officer in Charge of Administration, 28.12.37.

Squadron Leaders.—L. B. Duggan, to No. 218 (B.) Squadron, Upper Heyford; to command, 4.1.38. E. B. Addison, to H.Q., R.A.F., Palestine and Transjordan, Jerusalem; for Air Staff duties, 20.10.37.

Flight Lieutenant.—R. A. R. Rae, to R.A.F. Station, Seletar, Singapore, 31.12.37.

Accountant Branch

Squadron Leader.—H. W. Capener, to R.A.F. Station, Dhibban, Iraq; for Accountant duties, 19.11.37.

Owing to the greatly increased length of these lists as a result of R.A.F. expansion, ranks are confined to those of Flight Lieutenant and above.

FOREIGN SERVICE NEWS**The "Coupe Deutsch" Fighter**

PROCEEDING with a programme of development work on single-seater fighters based on the striking Coupe Deutsch layout, Caudron has produced the type C-713 with an inverted vee-twelve, air-cooled Renault of 450/750 h.p. This model is derived from the C-710 but has a retractable undercarriage. Two shell-guns are mounted in the wings.

Sub-Stratosphere Speed

THE first publicity given to the performance of the special twin-engined Lockheed XC-35 monoplane supplied to the U.S. Army Air Corps for experimental flying in the sub-stratosphere concerns a 220-mile flight which occupied 38 minutes. Flying between 19,000 and 21,000ft. the Lockheed reached 350 m.p.h., carrying a crew

Acklington Armament Camp

NO. 7 Armament Training Camp will open at Acklington, Morpeth, Northumberland, on April 1, on which date it will be placed in the Training Command in No. 25 (Armament) Group. The aerodrome may be used with effect from March 1 by aircraft of personnel visiting the station, but no facilities whatsoever will be available. The range at Druridge Bay will be available for use on May 1.

New Stations Forming

A STATION headquarters will form at Bassingbourn, near Royston, on March 27, on which date the station will be placed in the Bomber Command in No. 2 (Bomber) Group. The aerodrome may be used by aircraft of personnel visiting the station from March 1, but no facilities whatsoever will be available.

A station headquarters will form at Wittering on April 11 and take over the executive command of the station on May 16, on which date it will be transferred to the Fighter Command and placed in No. 12 Fighter Group.

Flying Accidents

THE Air Ministry regrets to announce the following accidents:—

P/O. David Lorraine Lloyd Morris lost his life and Sgt. Donald William Mansbridge was severely injured in an accident which occurred at Kingsclere, near Basingstoke, on January 24 to an aircraft of No. 51 (B.) Squadron, Boscombe Down, Wilts. Sgt. Mansbridge was the pilot of the aircraft and P/O. Morris was a passenger. Two other passengers of the aircraft, A.P.O. Cecil Wardman Poulter and Aircraftman 2nd class Ronald Harry Price, were slightly injured.

P/O. Alan Norman MacFarlane lost his life in an accident which occurred at Tattershall Thorpe, Lincs, on January 28 to an aircraft of No. 44 (B.) Squadron, Waddington.

A.P.O. Trevor Kearsley Goss Dudley lost his life in an accident which occurred at Ufford, Lincs, on January 11 to an aircraft of No. 11 F.T.S., Wittering, Northants. A.P.O. Dudley was the pilot of the aircraft and A.P.O. Peter Robert Burton-Gyles, a passenger, was slightly injured.

Lt. Richard Stratton Laybourne, Welsh Guards, F/O., R.A.F., lost his life in an accident which occurred near St. Andrews, Fife, on January 31 to an aircraft of No. 1 F.T.S., Leuchars, Fife.

Princess Mary's Royal Air Force Nursing Service

Staff Nurse Miss J. M. Mallalieu is promoted to the rank of Sister (January 9); Staff Nurse Miss E. M. Knox is promoted to the rank of Sister (January 12).

Royal Air Force Reserve*Reserve of Air Force Officers**General Duties Branch*

The following are granted commissions as Flight Lieutenants in Class C with effect from December 13, 1937:—Capt. W. T. Clyde (Indian Army, Retd); Capt. T. H. R. Riggs, D.C.M., M.M. (R.A.R.O.).

Medical Branch

Group Captain.—W. A. S. Duck, O.B.E., to H.Q., R.A.F., Far East, Singapore; for duty as Principal Medical Officer, 6.11.37.

Wing Commander.—H. W. Corner, to No. 1 R.A.F. Depot, Uxbridge; for duty as Senior Medical Officer and Officer Commanding R.A.F. Officers' Hospital, 6.1.38.

Flight Lieutenant.—L. M. Corbet, to No. 1 R.A.F. Depot, Uxbridge, 8.1.38. A. B. Marshall, to R.A.F. Station, Heliopolis, Egypt, 1.12.37.

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Italian Aerobatics in South America

THE Italian aerobatic squadron which has been making a "good will" exhibition tour in South America, has evoked the wildest enthusiasm. Their show at Sao Paulo was witnessed by 500,000 people. The machines used are more or less standard Fiat CR 32 biplane fighters mounting the 550-h.p. liquid-cooled Fiat A.30 engine. This type has met with considerable success in Spain.